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In all locations prices were unchanged throughout the week. Trade sentiment was mixed and ranged steady to barely steady. Demand was light to moderate, occasionally good in spot locations. Supplies were sufficient to available. Breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate with a light to moderate demand. Floor stocks remained adequate to ample. Schedules continued at full-time to part time. Trade sentiment was steady. Removal costs for light type hens were unchanged. Offerings were fully adequate to ample with a mostly good demand. Trade sentiment was steady. Removal prices ranged 5-8.5 cents, mostly 7-8 cents per head.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. Cartoned egg demand was light to moderate. Food service movement was light to at times fairly good. Supplies were adequate for jumbo and small and fully adequate to available for all the other sizes. Central states breaking stock prices remained unchanged. Offerings were adequate although held with confidence. Demand was light to moderate. Floor stocks adequate to ample. Schedules were full-time to part-time. Trade sentiment was steady.

| | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|-------------|-------|--------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 36-46 | 37-43 |
| LARGE | 35-45 | 36-39 |
| MEDIUM | 25-35 | 27-30 |

MIDWEST AREA: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was mixed. Demand into all channels ranged light to moderate, best where featured. Large 18-count eggs were on special for 99 cents. Supplies were adequate to available for full trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient for the light demand. Spent hens were fully adequate to ample for processing needs.

| | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|-------------|-------|--------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 46-61 | 47-50 |
| LARGE | 40-54 | 45-49 |
| MEDIUM | 29-42 | 34-36 |

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

COMBINED REGIONAL

May 13, 2005

Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

| REGIONS | EX LARGE | LARGE | MEDIUM |
|-------------------|----------|-------|--------|
| NORTHEAST | 48.50 | 47.00 | 35.00 |
| SOUTHEAST | 45.50 | 43.50 | 33.00 |
| MIDWEST | 40.00 | 37.50 | 28.50 |
| SOUTH CENTRAL | 52.50 | 46.50 | 36.50 |
| COMBINED REGIONAL | 46.90 | 43.73 | 33.38 |

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN

| | 05-17-05 | 05-10-05 | 05-18-04 |
|--------|----------|----------|----------|
| Large | 18-27 | 18-27 | 38-45 |
| Medium | 6-12 | 8-14 | 33-37 |

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- May 16, 2005 STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ (30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

| | | NO | | SO | SO | | 5-Area |
|------------------|---------|-----------|-------|-------|-------|---------|--------|
| | | Northeast | CENT | CENT | Atl | Pacific | |
| Jumbo | Curr Wk | 11.9 | 11.5 | 5.8 | 11.3 | 11.1 | 51.6 |
| | Change | 0.8 | -2.6 | -0.5 | -1.1 | -2.5 | -10% |
| Ex Lge | Curr Wk | 23.6 | 38.3 | 18.0 | 21.9 | 33.0 | 134.8 |
| | Change | -0.5 | -2.2 | 1.7 | -3.5 | 4.4 | 0% |
| Large | Curr Wk | 44.5 | 133.7 | 66.9 | 99.4 | 91.9 | 436.4 |
| | Change | -0.6 | -16.5 | -5.1 | -14.6 | 1.0 | -8% |
| Medium | Curr Wk | 12.5 | 60.6 | 16.0 | 24.4 | 22.5 | 136.0 |
| | Change | 1.0 | 4.0 | -0.9 | -1.0 | -7.1 | -3% |
| Small | Curr Wk | 4.1 | 16.5 | 4.1 | 5.9 | 3.3 | 33.9 |
| | Change | 0.0 | 5.6 | 1.8 | -0.8 | -1.9 | 16% |
| Misc | Curr Wk | 6.3 | 22.7 | 9.7 | 10.8 | 4.6 | 54.1 |
| | Change | 0.4 | -0.3 | 1.2 | -5.1 | -0.9 | -8% |
| Ungraded | Curr Wk | 18.4 | 50.4 | 16.5 | 37.3 | 29.0 | 151.6 |
| | Change | -6.5 | -6.6 | -3.1 | 0.4 | 0.8 | -9% |
| Total Percent | Curr Wk | 121.3 | 333.7 | 137.0 | 211.0 | 195.4 | 998.4 |
| | Change | -4% | -5% | -3% | -11% | -3% | -6% |

| TOTAL | Number of Cases | Percent Change | Number of Cooperators |
|--------------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| Shell Egg | 998.4 | -6% | 174 |
| Shell Egg Breaking Stock | 254.6 | 7% | 35 |
| Total Shell Egg | 1253.0 | -3% | 209 |

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 174 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday a.m. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. This is a representative sample of the U.S. inventory and includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - W/E 14-MAY-05(LBS IN THOUSANDS)
(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

| | CASES BROKEN | LIQUID WHOLE | LIQUID WHITE | LIQUID YOLK | DRIED | INED |
|-----------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|--------|--------|
| CW | 1,349,298 | 31,111 | 13,983 | 7,438 | 3,066 | 4,401 |
| PW | 1,327,875 | 31,251 | 13,368 | 7,251 | 2,982 | 4,481 |
| LY | 1,304,131 | 30,602 | 12,936 | 7,070 | 3,170 | 4,357 |
| % Chg PWK | 2% | 0% | 5% | 3% | 3% | -2% |
| % Chg LY | 3% | 2% | 8% | 5% | -3% | 1% |
| 2005 | 24,251,718 | 577,346 | 238,644 | 127,865 | 52,972 | 83,766 |
| 2004 | 22,724,228 | 539,236 | 218,357 | 121,439 | 50,545 | 78,866 |
| % Chg YTD | 7% | 7% | 9% | 5% | 5% | 6% |

Average Yield Per Case -

| | Current Week | Previous Week | Last Year |
|---------------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------|
| (Inedible Included) | 42.19 | 42.44 | 42.15 |
| (Inedible Excluded) | 38.93 | 39.06 | 38.81 |

BROILER HATCHERY

| STATE | Broiler Eggs Set in 19 Selected States | | Broiler Chicks Placed in 19 Selected States | |
|---------------------|---|---------|--|---------|
| | MAY 07 | MAY 14 | MAY 07 | MAY 14 |
| | Thousand | | | |
| AL | 31,405 | 31,626 | 21,625 | 21,315 |
| AR | 31,488 | 31,167 | *25,610 | 24,727 |
| DE | 3,956 | 4,085 | *5,156 | 6,457 |
| FL | 1,344 | 1,343 | 1,363 | 1,497 |
| GA | 32,539 | 33,638 | *28,528 | 28,272 |
| KY | *7,328 | 7,211 | *5,848 | 5,959 |
| LA | 4,102 | 4,105 | 3,934 | 4,309 |
| MD | *8,905 | 8,995 | *6,105 | 4,808 |
| MS | 18,947 | 18,812 | *16,949 | 16,964 |
| NC | 18,753 | 18,796 | 15,624 | 15,268 |
| OK | 6,102 | 6,625 | 5,520 | 5,463 |
| PA | *4,115 | 3,988 | *3,140 | 2,957 |
| SC | 4,983 | 5,177 | 3,572 | 4,387 |
| TX | 15,553 | 15,536 | 13,070 | 13,141 |
| VA | 6,495 | 6,634 | 5,144 | 5,407 |
| CA, MO, TN, & WV | *18,138 | 18,265 | *16,719 | 17,140 |
| : | | | | |
| 19 State Total | *214,153 | 216,003 | *177,907 | 178,071 |
| Previous Year Total | 212,957 | 213,724 | 176,351 | 175,431 |
| Pct. of Prev. Year | 101 | 101 | 101 | 102 |

* Revised

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 25-Jun-05 is estimated at 163.7 million head. This compares to 164.3 million head the previous week and to 164.3 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 164.0 million head and the composite weighted average price was 82.40 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 05/12/05-05/18/05

| | CURRENT LDS | 95.75 | FUTURE LDS | 68.25 | TOTAL LDS | 164.00 |
|-----------|-------------|-------|------------|-------|-----------|--------|
| | SE | NE | MW | | | |
| CLASS | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | ORG | DST |
| GNR W 1 | 25.00 | 24.50 | 25.67 | 27.86 | — | 26.33 |
| GNR BR 1 | — | — | 28.50 | 32.50 | — | — |
| GL W J | — | — | 47.00 | 48.00 | 38.11 | — |
| GL W XL | 31.00 | 35.00 | 37.75 | 38.92 | 29.50 | 36.00 |
| GL W LG | — | 34.12 | 32.75 | 34.00 | 28.50 | 28.90 |
| GL W MD | 27.00 | 24.00 | 27.92 | 26.67 | 18.27 | 19.83 |
| GL W SM | 23.88 | 27.00 | 23.63 | 25.88 | 18.00 | — |
| GL BR MD | 23.50 | 27.00 | — | — | — | — |
| NRBS - 48 | — | — | 22.40 | 23.00 | 28.00 | 25.48 |
| NRBS - 42 | — | — | — | 17.00 | — | 18.00 |
| NRBS - 39 | — | — | — | — | 16.00 | 17.80 |

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 14-MAY-2005

| SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS | CW THOUSANDS | PW | PCT CHG PW | LY |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|-------|---------------|-----|
| Atlanta | 27.7 | 22.8 | 21 | 10 |
| Boston | 3.4 | 3.5 | -3 | -6 |
| Chicago | 63.3 | 65.3 | -3 | 2 |
| Detroit | 24.7 | 32.0 | -23 | -2 |
| Kansas City | 3.7 | 3.3 | 12 | -66 |
| Los Angeles | 104.7 | 116.3 | -10 | 15 |
| New Orleans | 6.3 | 7.9 | -20 | -13 |
| New York | 29.1 | 28.9 | 1 | -3 |
| St. Louis | 15.7 | 16.2 | -3 | 1 |
| San Francisco | 18.4 | 18.6 | -1 | -21 |
| Total | 297.0 | 314.8 | -6 | 1 |
| 4 Week Moving Avg. | 305.1 | | | |

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 14-MAY-05

| | YOUNG | | YOUNG | | OLD | TOTAL |
|----------------|---------------------|--------|----------|-------|-----|---------|
| | HENS | TOMS | BREEDERS | | | TURKEYS |
| | -----THOUSANDS----- | | | | | |
| Head | 1,924 | 2,561 | 8 | 1 | | 4,494 |
| Avg Wt | 16.39 | 38.32 | 22.76 | 67.98 | | 28.91 |
| Last week | 1,935 | 2,649 | 10 | 0 | | 4,594 |
| Same wk yr ago | 1,807 | 2,612 | 34 | 2 | | 4,455 |
| Avg Wt | 16.20 | 37.21 | 26.21 | 41.08 | | 28.60 |
| To-date/2005 | 30,343 | 48,193 | 432 | 60 | | 79,028 |
| To-date/2004 | 32,564 | 47,076 | 849 | 139 | | 80,628 |

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

| Week ending 14-MAY-05 | | | | | |
|--|-----------|---------|----------|-------|---------------|
| (Preliminary) (Released 1:00 Eastern Time) | | | | | |
| —YOUNG TURKEYS— | | | OLD | | TOTAL TURKEYS |
| THOUSAND | PCT CHG | AVG | BANDED | HEAD- | AVG |
| HEAD | PW | LIVE WT | THOUSAND | HEAD- | LIVE WT |
| North East | 745 | 2 | 24.71 | (A) | 746 |
| South Atlantic | 748 | 2 | 32.45 | (A) | 748 |
| North Central | 2,115 | 1 | 32.35 | (A) | 2,115 |
| South Central | 553 | -13 | 18.31 | (A) | 553 |
| West | 332 | -16 | 25.97 | (A) | 332 |
| U.S. total | 4,493(B) | -2 | 28.91 | 1 | 4,494 |
| To-date | | | | | |
| 2005 | 78,968(B) | | | 60 | 79,028 |
| To-date | | | | | |
| 2004 | 80,489(B) | | | 139 | 80,628 |

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 8,000; for the current year to date 432,000; for last year to date 849,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION (Preliminary)

| W/E 14-May-2005 | YOUNG CHICKENS | LIGHT HENS | HEAVY HENS | TOTAL HENS | DUCKS |
|---------------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------|
| -----THOUSANDS----- | | | | | |
| Head | 163,338 | 1,528 | 1,462 | 2,990 | 505 |
| Avg Wt | 5.32 | 3.21 | 8.08 | 5.59 | 6.82 |
| Last week | 163,999 | 1,604 | 1,485 | 3,089 | 514 |
| Same wk yr ago | 158,470 | 1,410 | 1,214 | 2,624 | 408 |
| Avg Wt | 5.24 | 3.31 | 8.05 | 5.50 | 6.31 |
| To-date/2005 | 2,998,844 | 29,227 | 25,673 | 54,900 | 9,608 |
| To-date/2004 | 2,926,562 | 24,795 | 24,173 | 48,968 | 8,694 |

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 166.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 165.3 million head, or 1.0 million less than estimated available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 21-May-05

| CLASS | Current Week 05/21/05(1) | Previous Week 05/14/05 |
|---------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| | -----THOUSAND HEAD----- | |
| Broiler/fryer | 169,717(2) | 168,117 |
| Light hens | 1,696 | 1,525 |
| Heavy hens | 1,469 | 1,417 |
| Total | 172,882 | 171,059 |

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 21-May-05 is 166.3 million head compared to 161.8 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 170.1 million head or 3.8 million more than estimated available. For the week of 28-May-05 the estimated available is 166.5 million head.

**ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/
FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON**

| WEEK ENDING | | MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED | MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE | PCT | AVG WT |
|--------------|----|-----------------------------|---------------------------|------|--------|
| April | 9 | 159.3 | 166.0 | 96% | 5.21 |
| | 16 | 160.0 | 166.2 | 96% | 5.27 |
| | 23 | 163.1 | 166.1 | 98% | 5.33 |
| | 30 | 164.7 | 166.1 | 99% | 5.46 |
| May | 7 | 166.0 | 166.1 | 100% | 5.30 |
| | 14 | 165.3 | 166.3 | 99% | 5.32 |
| Year to date | | 3035.2 | 3101.5 | 98% | |
| May | 21 | | 166.3 | | |
| | 28 | | 166.5 | | |

FINAL BROILER/FRYER Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of 16-MAY-2005 (cents per lb)

| | U.S. GRADE A | | LDS | COMPOSITE | |
|-------------|--------------|---------|-----|-----------|-----|
| | MAJ | WTD AVG | | WTD AVG | LDS |
| Chicago | 66.00-69.00 | 68.76 | 40 | 70.39 | 73 |
| Los Angeles | 80.00 | 79.63 | 62 | 73.15 | 171 |
| New York | 71.00-73.00 | 71.38 | 26 | 70.51 | 55 |

COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

| Change from | | | |
|-----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 16-MAY-2005 | 09-MAY-2005 | 09-MAY-2005 | 17-MAY-2004 |
| 72.14 | -.51 | 72.65 | 80.50 |
| NUMBER OF LOADS | 650 | | |

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/ WTD LBS

| 8-16 LB HENS | OFFERS | SALES | AVG | (000) |
|-------------------|--------|-------|-----|-------|
| EASTERN REGION 3/ | 67-68 | - | - | - |
| CENTRAL REGION 4/ | 66-67 | - | - | - |
| WESTERN REGION 5/ | 67-68 | - | - | - |
| 16-24 LB TOMS | | | | |
| EASTERN REGION | 66-67 | - | - | - |
| CENTRAL REGION | 65-66 | - | - | - |
| WESTERN REGION | 66-67 | - | - | - |

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

| | | Frozen Eggs/LBS | Turkeys/LBS | Processed other Poultry/LBS |
|---------|----------|-----------------|-------------|--------------------------------|
| AM | 05/16/05 | 3,308 | 108,279 | 48,138 |
| AM | 05/01/05 | 3,407 | 112,518 | 48,154 |
| CHG | | -99 | -4239 | -16 |
| PCT CHG | | -3% | -4% | 0% |

HEN MARKETS

HEAVY TYPE Final Price, Generally for slaughter the week of 16-MAY-05

| REGIONS | RANGE | MAJORITY | AVG |
|------------------|----------------------|------------|-------|
| Southeast (1) | 9.5-15.5 CENTS/LB. | 11.75-13.5 | 12.89 |
| Southeast (2) | TFEWR | | |
| South Central(1) | 8.75-15.75 CENTS/LB. | 12-13.25 | 12.56 |

(1) At Farm Buyer Loading (2) At Farm Producer Loading

LIGHT TYPE Cents per Head, generally for removal within the next 10 days (includes handling, freight and any other charges, weights average about 3.50 pounds)

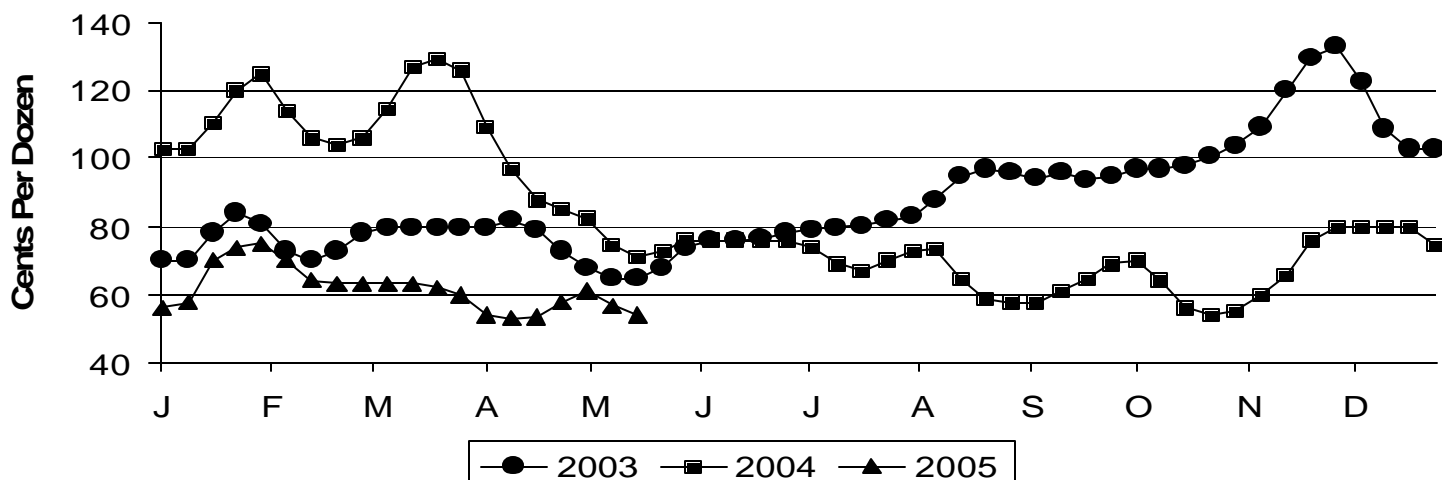
| REMOVAL COST | | |
|---------------|-------------------|----------|
| REGIONS | RANGE | MAJORITY |
| Eastern | 3-13 | 8-11 |
| South Central | Too Few To Report | |
| North Central | 5-8.5 | 7-8 |

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT (Receipts From Producers)

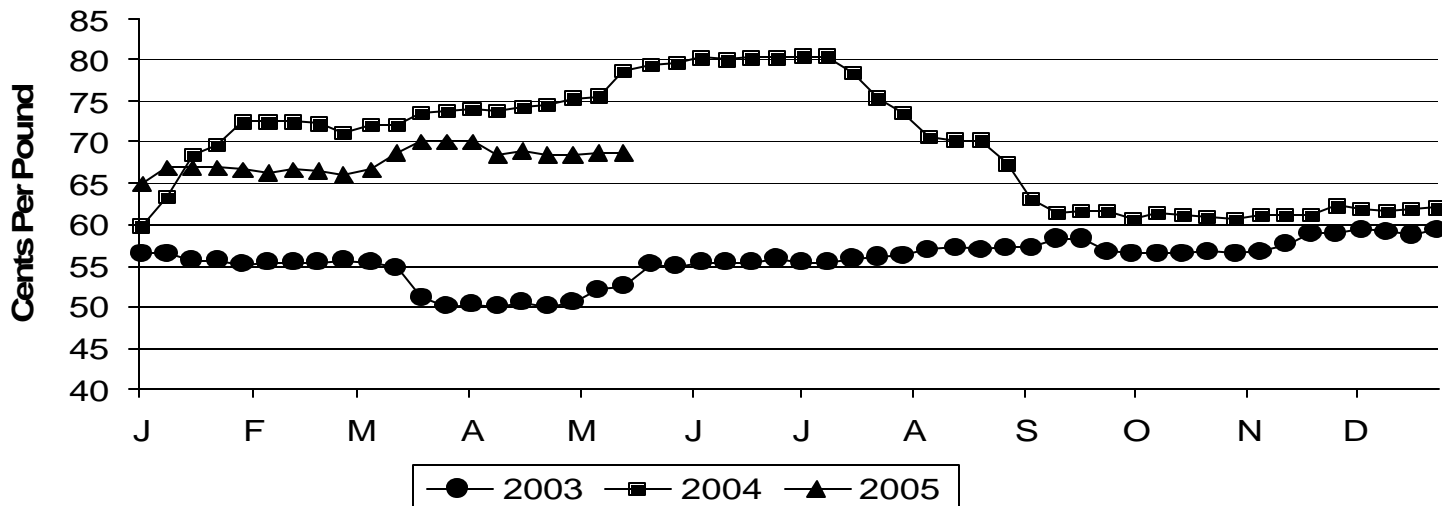
| W/E 14-May-2005 | CASES (IN THOUS) | PERCENT CHANGE FROM | |
|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----|
| REGIONS | | PW | LY |
| North Atlantic | 240.1 | 0 | 3 |
| East North Central | 560.4 | 4 | -4 |
| West North Central | 275.7 | 3 | -4 |
| South Atlantic | 202.2 | 1 | 4 |
| South Central | 64.5 | 21 | -8 |
| West | 211.7 | 4 | 15 |
| Total | 1554.6 | 4 | 0 |
| Matched Plants reporting | | Previous week | 86 |
| | | Last year | 85 |

Areas Covered: North Atlantic (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MC,DE)
East North Central (WI,IL,MI,OH,IN) West North Central (IA,MN,MO,KS,SD)
South Atlantic (SC,NC,VA,GA,FL,KY) South Central (TN,AL,AR,MS,OK)
West (CA,CO,WA,OR,UT)

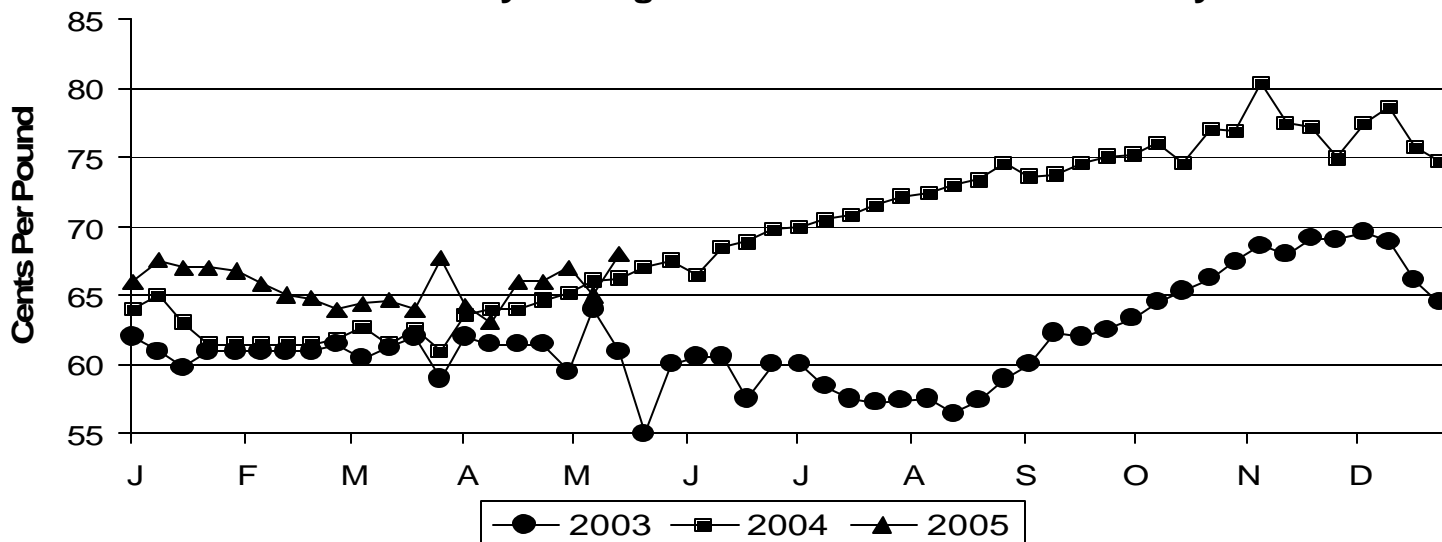
New York Large Weekly Average Price



Chicago Broiler/Fryer Weighted Average Prices



Eastern Weekly Average Prices For 8-16 LB Hen Turkeys



Note: Some Weeks' Average Prices are Based on Offers Only

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